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CONTROLS.

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REFTEL (A):

QUOTE

CANADIAN BEEF AND PORK WILL BE PUT UNDER EXPORT CONTROL FOR
AN INDEFINITE PERIOD EFFECTIVE MIDNIGHT AUGUST 13, THE HONORABLE
ALASTAIR GILLESPIE, MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE,
ANNOUNCED AUGUST 13.

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QUOTE

THE MINISTER SAID THAT WHILE THE SUPPLY OF MEAT IN CANADA HAS BEEN ADEQUATE, THE GOVERNMENT IS IMPOSING EXPORT CONTROLS TO ENSURE THAT SUPPLIES WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADEQUATE FOR CANADIAN CONSUMERS.

INNERQUOTE

BECAUSE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO THE CANADIAN ECONOMY THE GOVERNMENT IS RELUCTANT TO RESORT TO EXPORT CONTROLS
END INNERQUOTE, MR. GILLESPIE SAID.

INNERQUOTE

HOWEVER, THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES ADMINISTRATION, PARTICULARLY THE PRICE FREEZE ON BEEF, APPEAR TO HAVE CREATED A SUPPLY SHORTAGE IN THE UNITED STATES. THERE IS EVIDENCE THAT SOME PRODUCERS IN THAT COUNTRY ARE AT PRESENT WITHHOLDING SUPPLIES FROM THEIR MARKET. TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS NOT A DRAIN ON CANADIAN SUPPLIES AND, MORE PARTICULARLY, TO PROTECT THE CANADIAN MEAT CONSUMER WE ARE INSTITUTING THESE TEMPORARY CONTROLS
END INNERQUOTE

QUOTE

MR. GILLESPIE NOTED THAT SOME CANADIAN CONSUMERS HAVE RECENTLY BEEN MAKING ABNORMALLY HEAVY PURCHASES OF MEAT IN ANTICIPATION OF POSSIBLE SHORTAGES. HE SAID THAT THE CONTROLS ANNOUNCED TODAY SHOULD ENSURE THE AVAILABILITY OF MEAT PRODUCTS TO CANADIAN CONSUMERS.

QUOTE

THE CONTROLS WILL APPLY TO LIVE CATTLE AND HOGS AND FRESH, CHILLED AND FROZEN BEEF AND PORK. THE MAIN OBJECTIVE WILL BE TO CONTROL CANADIAN EXPORTS OF MEAT WHICH HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED BECAUSE OF DISTORTING EFFECTS OF THE UNITED STATES SITUATION. UNDER THESE MEASURES, TRADITIONAL TRADE IN LIVE ANIMALS AND MEAT PRODUCTS WILL BE ALLOWED TO CONTINUE, PROVIDED THEY DO NOT EXCEED LAST YEAR'S LEVEL.

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TO IMPLEMENT THESE MEASURES THE EXPORT CONTROL LIST HAS BEEN AMENDED BY ADDING THE FOLLOWING:

1. ITEM 1019. LIVE BOVINE ANIMALS, OTHER THAN THOSE DESCRIBED IN ITEM 1003 OF THE EXPORT CONTROL LIST; BEEF AND VEAL IN CARCASSES, CUTS AND BONELESS, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN. (ALL DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES).

2. ITEM 1020. LIVE HOGS AND DRESSED CARCASS HOGS AND CUTS THEREFROM, FRESH, CHILLED OR FROZEN. (ALL DESTINATIONS, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES).

QUOTE

IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN MAINTAINING TRADITIONAL EXPORTS, THE MINISTER ISSUED GENERAL EXPORT PERMITS NOS. EX. 9 AND EX. 10.

QUOTE

GENERAL EXPORT PERMIT NO. EX. 9 PROVIDES THAT ANY PERSON MAY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS GENERAL EXPORT PERMIT, EXPORT FROM CANADA TO ANY COUNTRY, EXCEPT RHODESIA:

(A) ANY GOODS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 1019 OF THE EXPORT CONTROL LIST EXCEPT CANADA GRADES A AND B CARCASSES OF STEERS AND HEIFERS AND SIDES, QUARTERS, CUTS AND BONELESS BEEF THEREFROM AND UNGRADED BEEF OF LIKE QUALITY; AND

(B) ANY GOODS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 1019 OF THE EXPORT CONTROL LIST FOR THE PERSONAL USE OF THE EXPORTER AND HIS HOUSEHOLD, WHICH GOODS SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN POUNDS IN WEIGHT FOR EACH EXPORTATION.

QUOTE

GENERAL EXPORT PERMIT NO. EX. 10 PROVIDES THAT ANY PERSON MAY, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THIS GENERAL EXPORT PERMIT, EXPORT FROM CANADA TO ANY COUNTRY, EXCEPT RHODESIA, ANY GOODS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 1029 (PORK PRODUCTS) OF THE EXPORT CONTROL LIST FOR THE PERSONAL USE OF THE EXPORTER AND HIS HOUSEHOLD, WHICH GOODS SHALL NOT EXCEED TEN POUNDS IN WEIGHT FOR EACH EXPORTATION.

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IN CASES WHERE INDIVIDUAL EXPORT PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR SHIPMENTS OF GOODS WHICH ARE BEING PLACED UNDER CONTROL TODAY AND ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING LOADED FOR EXPORT OR ARE IN TRANSIT TO AN EXPORT PORT, PERMITS WILL BE ISSUED PROVIDED SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE IS GIVEN THAT CONTRACTS WERE IN EXISTENCE BEFORE AUGUST 13.

QUOTE

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS COVERING OTHER CONTRACTS WILL BE EXAMINED ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS. THE MINISTER SAID IT CONTINUES TO BE THE GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SUPPLIES TO MEET CANADIAN REQUIREMENTS AND TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE NEEDS OF CANADA'S TRADITIONAL FOREIGN CUSTOMERS.

QUOTE

PERMIT APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO EXPORT AND
IMPORT PERMITS DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRY, TRADE AND
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